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SUBJ: GUNDELACH COMMENTS TO ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ON WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO THE EC, ELVIO BALDINELLI, CALLED US TO REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH GUNDELACH CONCERNING WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. IN A CHARACTERISTICALLY LENGTHY COMMENTARY ON THE STATE OF WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS, GUNDELACH REPORTEDLY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE INTEREST AMONG MOST OF THE PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES IN THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT (IWA) PROPOSED BY THE EC. HE SAID THE COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS NOW RETHINKING ITS PROPOSAL AND HOPES SHORTLY TO COME UP WITH A MODIFIED VERSION OF IT.

2. THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED THAT SUCH A NEW CONCEPT WOULD HAVE TO DEPART CONSIDERABLY FROM THE EC'S PRESENT PROPOSAL AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION EVENTUALLY WOULD HAVE TO ASK THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR

A CHANGE IN ITS NEGOTIATING MANDATE.

3. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE AND GUNDELACH BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PROGRESS IN THE BEEF GROUP, BUT THAT TO DATE THERE WAS LITTLE REASON FOR ARGENTINA TO BE ENCOURAGED. MORRIS

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